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SUBJECT: JAN. 16 LABOR RALLY CANCELLED

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1. DECISION TO CANCEL THE JAN. 16 LABOR DEMONSTRATION WAS
MADE AFTER MEETINGS BETWEEN LEADERS OF THE THREE WORKERS'
CENTRALS AND VICE PRESIDENT GERARDO GONZALEZ ON JAN. 14,
AND WITH LABOR MINISTER AHUMADA ON JAN. 15.

2. IN ADDITION TO LABOR MINISTER AHUMADA, LT. COL. MANUEL
ARAUZ REPRESENTING THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD,
AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TOOK
PART IN THE JAN. 15 MEETING. LABOR LEADERS WERE INFORMED
THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT PERMIT THE LABOR RALLY TO
TAKE PLACE SINCE THE GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMATION THAT
"DISRUPTIVE ELEMENTS" MIGHT POSSIBLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
RALLY TO CREATE A CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOP.

3. LABOR MINISTER AND LABOR LEADERS ISSUED JOINT STATEMENT
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TO PRESS ON JAN. 15 WHICH CANCELLED RALLY, BUT ALSO
PLEDGED TO ENLARGE NATIONAL LABOR COMMISSION WHICH
WILL IMPLEMENT LAW 95, AND GAVE RENEWED ASSURANCES TO
MAINTAIN VIGILANCE OVER WORKERS' RIGHTS.

4. COMMENT: ON SUNDAY, A REPORTED 200 PEOPLE DID
SHOW UP FOR THE RALLY BUT DISPERSED PEACEFULLY AFTER

A SHORT TIME. EMBASSY HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE
DISRUPTION OF RALLY, AND WE BELIEVE THAT A CAUTIOUS GOP USED
EXCUSE AS A RUSE TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY THAT RALLY MIGHT
DEVELOP INTO LARGER DEMONSTRATION. LABOR LEADERS ARE PLANNING
MEETING WITH THEIR UNION MEMBERS ON JAN. 17 TO EXPLAIN CANCELL-
ATION OF RALLY.

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